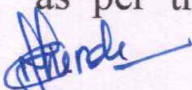


Minutes of the Environmental Public Hearing in respect of Proposed Expansion of Sugar factory (Sugarcane Crushing Capacity) from 5500 to 9000 TCD & Co-Generation Plant from 32 to 39 MW. Proposed By Project Proponent M/s. Gangamai Industries and Constructions Ltd. (GIACL), At Najik Babhulgaon, Post-Rakshi, Tal. Shevgaon, Dist. Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra.

The Environment Public Hearing in respect of Expansion of existing Project At Existing Premises For Expansion of Sugar factory (Sugarcane Crushing Capacity) from 5500 to 9000 TCD & Co-Generation Plant from 32 to 39 MW. At Najik Babhulgaon, Post-Rakshi, Tal. Shevgaon, Dist. Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra By Project Proponent M/s. Gangamai Industries and Constructions Ltd. (GIACL), was held on Thursday, the 30th July, 2026 at 11.00 a.m at project site - M/s. Gangamai Industries and Constructions Ltd. (GIACL), At Najik Babhulgaon, Post-Rakshi, Tal. Shevgaon, Dist. Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra.

Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Ahilyanagar and Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee, Ahilyanagar welcomed Resident District Magistrate, Ahilyanagar and Chairman of the Environment Public Hearing Committee; and Member of the Environment Public Hearing Committee, Company Officials and local people/participants who were present and with permission of Chairman, Environment Public Hearing Committee started the proceedings of Public Hearing.

Convener, Environment Public Hearing Committee informed that as per the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification of



Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Govt. of India, (i.e. MoEF & CC, GoI) dated 14th September, 2006 as amended on 1st December, 2009, it is mandatory to conduct prior public consultation to certain projects which are covered in the schedule of the said Notification.

He informed that Head Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai was in receipt of application from M/s. Gangamai Industries and Constructions Ltd. (GIACL), to conduct Environment Public Hearing Regarding expansion.

Convener informed that the aim of conducting prior public consultation is to make aware, local people who can be participant in the hearing and they should know the developmental activities and Environment Management Plan of the unit.

After sanction from District Magistrate, Ahilyanagar to conduct the Physical Environment Public Hearing On Thursday, the 30th July, 2026 at 11.00 a.m. at project site - M/s. Gangamai Industries and Constructions Ltd. (GIACL), At Najik Babhulgaon, Post-Rakshi, Tal. Shevgaon, Dist. Ahilyanagar. Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Mumbai has constituted Public Hearing Panel vide Board's Office Order dated 02-07-2026 as under.

- 1) District Magistrate-Ahilyanagar
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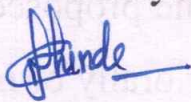


- 2) Representative of Maharashtra **Member**
Pollution Control Board, Mumbai -
Regional Officer,
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Nashik.
- 3) Sub Regional Officer, **Convener**
Maharashtra Pollution Control Board,
Ahilyanagar.

As per said Notification, 30 days' advance public notice was published by Sub Regional Office, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Ahilyanagar in the local newspaper in daily Sakal for Marathi and in national newspaper daily Times of India for English on 25-06-2026. The public were appealed to send their suggestions, views, doubts or objections regarding the proposed project.

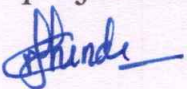
Also copy of EIA report and executive summery were made available in Marathi and in English at various notified Government offices as under:-

- 1) Hon. District Collector, Collector Office, Ahilyanagar.
- 2) General Manager, District Industries Centre, Ahilyanagar.
- 3) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Ahilyanagar.
- 4) Sub Divisional Officer – Shevgaon-Pathardi, District-Ahilyanagar.



- 5) Tahsil Office-Shevgaon, Taluka-Shevgaon, District-Ahilyanagar.
- 6) Panchayat Samiti Office-Shevgaon, Taluka-Shevgaon, District-Ahilyanagar.
- 7) Grampanchayat Office – Najik Babhulgaon, Khanapur, Malegaon-ne, Khuntephal, Rakshi, Ghotan, Talani, Kurudgaon, Erandgaon, Tal. Shevgaon, District-Ahilyanagar.
- 8) Environment & Climate Change Department, Maharashtra Government, New Administrative Building, 15th Floor, Mantralaya, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai – 400 032.
- 9) Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (Head Office), Kalpataru Point, 3rd Floor, Sion-Matunga Scheme Road No.8, Opp. Cine Planet Cinema, Near Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai – 400 022.
- 10) Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nashik.
- 11) Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Savitribai Fule Commercial Building, 1st Floor, Hall No.2 & 3, Near T.V. Center, Savedi, Ahilyanagar – 414 003
- 12) Website, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board –
Executive Summary of the Proposed Project is made available in Marathi and English.

Convener informed that an opportunity is given to all participants to raise any doubts, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed project in environmental angle, which can be submitted by orally or in



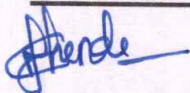
writing also and same is noted in minutes of meeting and forwarded with video recording to the Government.

Convener, with the approval of the Chairman of environmental public hearing committee, ordered the project promoters to make a presentation about the project.

With the permission of the Hon'ble Chairman, Environmental Consultant made a presentation about the proposed project and the Environmental Management Plan. Environmental consultant provided information about water consumption & waste water generation. A effluent treatment plant is already available for existing facility & treated water recycle & this practice will continue after the this expansion. Existing boilers will be increasing the existing capacity 140 TPH to 160 TPH & 30 TPH to 40 TPH for expansion. ESP is already provided to existing to the boilers for control of Air Pollution. Fly ash is generated from Boiler & disposed to brick manufacturers. Also details presentation was made providing comprehensive data & monitoring results regarding various environmental factors like ground & surface water, air quality, soil analysis, noise level, socio-economic status of the area, and the local ecology and biodiversity within 10 K.M. radius of the project site.

After completion of the presentation convener appeal to all participants to raise any doubts, suggestions or objections.

Views, questions, suggestions/objections raised during the Environment Public Hearing and the answers/promises given by



the Project Proponent/Environment Consultant/Environment Public Hearing Committee :-

1) Shri Bhausaheb Manohar Dhole, resident of Shevgaon, Taluka Shevgaon, District Ahilyanagar.

How much sugarcane crushing and sugar production will be achieved from the proposed expansion project?

- **The project's environmental consultant stated that, the current sugarcane crushing capacity is 5,500 TCD per day, which will increase to 9,000 TCD per day after the expansion. Sugar production will be Proportional with the sugar recovery rate, which ranges from 11% to 11.5%.**

2) Mr. Kundlik Ghuge, Resident of Ghotan Tal. Shevgaon,

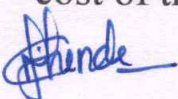
In the Proposed project expansion electricity generated what will be the benefit of the farmer & surrounding villages?

- The project's environmental consultant stated that the electricity generated from the expansion will be used within the factory & the surplus power will be supplied to the Mahavitaran (state electricity distribution company), which will then distribute it to farmers and the surrounding villages.

3) Mrs. Dipali Somnath Pawar, resident of Harinagar, Tal. Shevgaon,

What is the total cost of the proposed project?

- **The project's environmental consultant stated that the cost of the proposed project is Rs.82.0 crores.**



4) Mr. Vishnu Ghanwat, resident of Najik Babhulgaon, Tal. Shevgaon,

In the proposed project of expansion priority should be given to the local people for employment & CSR funds will be utilized for development of roads, electricity supply, Educational improvement & health care facility for surrounding villages. It is a matter of happiness that the factory is undergoing expansion.

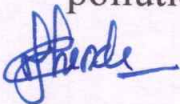
- **The project's environmental consultant stated that** it is a policy matter for local employment & it will be positive. CSR fund will be utilized after approval from Hon'ble District Collector, Ahilyanagar to develop Roads, supply of electricity, educational improvement, and healthcare for surrounding villages.

5) Mr. Babasaheb Garje, resident of Najik Babhulgaon, Tal. Shevgaon

I support the expansion project.

6) Mr. Sopan Dhorkule, resident of Najik Babhulgaon, Tal. Shevgaon –

Our area & villages know in the state due to Gangamai industry. What measures will be taken for control of Noise pollution generated from expansion project.



- **The project's environmental consultant stated that it is true the development of this area due to Gangamai' industry. Measures have been implemented to mitigate noise pollution, and trees have been planted throughout the industrial premises. presently we have carried out the measurements of ambient noise monitoring & results within the prescribed limits.**

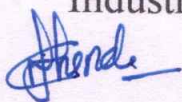
7) Mr. Sunanda Reddy,

I congratulate the project proponent for expansion and few suggestions:

- rainwater harvesting, to increase groundwater level.
- planting medical plant & fruit plants Instead of normal trees.
- organize skill development training for local youth with the help of the government.
- I request the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to immediate approval for the expansion project.

8) Shri Bhagwan Dhorkule, Resident of Najik Babhulgaon, Tal. Shevgaon

What measures will be initiated to management of solid waste & immediately complete the work of Gevrai road to Industry road.



- **The project's environmental consultant stated that** factory would follow up on the construction of the road.

Ash generated from the boiler is sent to brick kilns. Ash generated from the incineration boiler is recovery a potash.

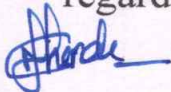
9) Mr. Sanjay Rangnath Takalkar, Resident of Ghotan, Taluka Shevgaon:

This industry has definitely benefited in the surrounding area of villages. What measures to be taken to prevent the health of people from air and noise pollution generated from expansion project. Employment should be given to local people on priority and maximum CSR funds utilized to Ghotan and Babhalgaon villeges.

- **The project's environmental consultant stated that** Water will be used to reduce road dust. To control of air pollution from boiler ESP installed with stack of height 76 & 81 mtrs. Planted large number of trees in the surrounding area and also plan next 2 to 3 months planted more trees in the surrounding area.

10) Mr. Shaligram Shivnath Garje, resident Najik Babhulgaon, Tal. Shevgaon

Is the expansion of the said factory temporary or permanent? Additionally, guidance should be provided regarding various sugarcane varieties and their cultivation.



- **The project's environmental consultant stated that,** This expansion is permanent. Additionally, all sugarcane from surrounding area of factory will be crushed & conduct guidance workshop for sugarcane cultivation.

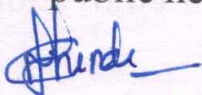
11) Mr. Bhagwan Ghanvat, resident of Najik Babhulgaon, Tal. Shevgaon

The road leading to the factory should be repaired and maintain good condition.

The Regional Officer and member of the Environment Committee said that, the public hearing cordial atmosphere; people raised good questions, and the technical consultant reply satisfactory. Factory management work effectively, and local people will be benefit from this expansion & also utilize CSR funds. Industry has installed Good pollution control systems and also plans to install updated new pollution control system. The proposal will be submitted to the state government with approval from chairman public hearing committee & try to sanction the permission as soon as possible.

Chairman, Environment Public Hearing declared that the meeting is concluded.

Convener of Public Hearing Committee concluded the public hearing with permission of Chairman of Public Hearing



Committee & Thanked to all participants & chairman of Public Hearing Committee.

Enclosed 05 written suggestions as received.



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